

PASTOR PETE'S PONDERINGS

“POST SURGERY REFLECTIONS”

A number of people have asked me the question "How are you doing?" My stock answer is "okay; but I get tired very easily." That remains true. I'm slowly getting some energy and stamina back, but it is slow going. I hope to get back to 100% (*whatever that it is*) sometime around Labor Day. My doctors tell me I can resume some normal activities around that date. I'm looking forward to resuming swimming at the Watertown Rec Center and riding my bicycle in the near future.

I want to again thank everyone for your patience and support and encouragement as I recover. I am especially thankful for your cards and gifts that you have sent me. It's great to be a part of such loving, supportive communities. I cherish our partnership in the gospel.

I'm looking forward to resuming the fall schedule and activities. We will return to our Fall/Winter/Spring worship schedule on September 4th (*Labor Day Weekend*). Badger will be at 9:15 AM and Trinity, Lake Norden at 10:45 AM. Sunday School will resume at Badger on the following Sunday, September 11th, and at Trinity on September 18.

Adult Bible Class will resume at Trinity during the Sunday School Hour. Joel Williams is determined to get a new Bible Class started in Badger. I encourage every member of Badger and Trinity to get involved in these Bible Classes.

I look forward to welcoming 14 Confirmation students on Wednesdays. Classes will be held at Trinity this year. We will start on September 28th. Parents will receive an information letter soon with details. A Parent-Student Orientation will be held on Wednesday evening, September 14 at 7:30 PM at Trinity. Fifth grade communion instruction will be held on September 14 and 21st at Badger this year. Parents will receive information soon.

Finally, the NALC chose a new bishop, Pr. John Bradosky, to replace Bp. Paull Spring at its recent convocation in Ohio. You can read all the exciting news of that convocation in the *NALC NEWS*, available on its website or pick up a copy at the entrance to each church.

You can always access NALC information by clicking on the link on your church website at www.trinityln.org or badgerlutheranchurch.org. I encourage you to go to your congregational website often for up to date information and announcements.

*It's great to back among you,
Pastor Gene Peterson*



Trinity Church Council Minutes

August 4, 2011

Present: Harlan Olson, Gerry Koisti, Brandy Aho, Pastor Peterson, Dave Carlson, Don Thue, Mary Pekas, Dan Koistinen

Absent: Rusty Antonen, David St. John

Secretary's Report: Gerry Koisti motioned to accept and Harlan Olson seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Koistinen motioned to accept and Brandy Aho seconded.

New Business:

- September 4th, 2011: return to regular schedule of worship at 10:45 am with Sunday School at 9:45 am. September 11th, 2011 is Rally Day. **(DATE CHANGED LATER TO SEPT. 18)**
- Two estimates for shingles came in. Gerry Koisti motioned to award Cadance Construction the shingle job. Mary Pekas seconded. Cost is \$6,550.00.
- Parsonage driveway needs to be finished. We will get bid from Cadance Construction.
- Pastor and his wife have donated a washer and dryer for the church parsonage.

Adjournment: Dan Koistinen motioned and Gerry Koisti seconded.

Next Meeting: September 1st at 8 pm

Devotions: David St. John

~ Brandy Aho, Secretary

Pastor John Bradosky Elected Bishop of NALC

The Rev. John F. Bradosky of Centerville, Ohio, was elected as bishop of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) on August 11. Bishop Bradosky, who has served as the General Secretary of the NALC since January, was elected by the NALC Convocation, the church body's annual meeting in Ohio. Eight hundred Lutherans from throughout North America gathered to elect leaders and to set direction for the newly-formed church body. Bishop Bradosky, 59, was formally installed as bishop at the closing worship service of the Convocation Friday afternoon.

"Today I stand before you even more deeply honored and humbled. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me," Bishop Bradosky told those at the Convocation after the election results were announced Friday morning. "Thank you for this opportunity to serve you. You have the promise of my prayer for each of you and your ministries that together, through the work of the Holy Spirit, we will boldly confess Christ.

"I cannot fulfill this office by anything within me. My wisdom and experience is completely insufficient. I can only fulfill this office through the work of the Holy Spirit, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the promise of your faithful prayers and support," he said.

"The local congregation is the front line for mission and ministry. Our work is to support, facilitate and encourage the ministry and mission work of local congregations. This is where people come to faith in Jesus, where disciples grow and mature in their faith, where people experience Christian community." Bishop Bradosky said. "Our structure must keep pastors and congregations connected for learning, growing, offering support and care."

The NALC is committed to shaping its life around four core values: Christ-Centered, Mission-Driven, Traditionally-Grounded, and Congregationally-Focused.

Congregations in Hamlin County that are members of the NALC include Trinity in Lake Norden; Hayti and New Hope, Hayti; and American Lutheran in Castlewood.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



2	Paulette Kasten
6	Tanya Jensen
8	Darin Aho
8	Brittany (Jager) Larson
9	Donna Muser
13	Keira Steffensen
14	Kari Jo Carlson
14	Andy Espland
17	Don Thue
20	Robert Koistinen
21	Brooks Borchard
24	Cynthia Juntunen
24	Jan Sowers
27	Rebecca Halonen
28	Tracy (Lee) Barlow
28	David St. John
29	Jeff Jager
30	Deni Christopherson
30	Austin Niemann

God bless you on your birthday and throughout the year!

PRAYER CONCERNS...

- ◆ People who are recovering from surgery or illness
- ◆ Children / Teachers going back to school
- ◆ Youth entering college
- ◆ North American Lutheran Church (NALC); Bishop John Bradosky and staff
- ◆ Local congregations and pastors

Rally Day: September 11



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

9:45
Sunday School Classes Begin

10:45
Worship Service

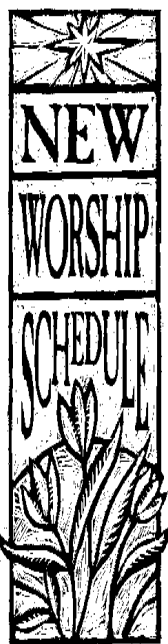
11:45
Fellowship Dinner
Pizza will be served for everyone!

12:45
Youth and staff will go to Hayti to bowl. Parents of younger children are asked to come with the group to serve as chaperones.

The loose offering received during the worship service will be used for Sunday School expenses. If you are aware of children in the community who are not attending Sunday School, please invite them to Trinity.

Join us for a great kick-off to a wonderful school year!

Please note that the Adult Bible Study will start September 18, and is open to all adults!



BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 4:

WORSHIP -10:45
* * *

COMMUNION:
First and Third Sun-
days of each month

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**CONTEMPORARY
SERVICE:**
Second Sunday of each
month

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SUNDAY SCHOOL
begins **September 11**
at 9:45.)

Request for Supplies: If anyone has odds and ends of craft supplies you would like to get rid of, the Sunday School classes could use them! Some ideas might be paints, stickers, beads, etc. Please leave them in the Sunday School room across from the office.

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for **'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'**" ~ The NewsletterNewsletter



Evangelism Corner

Your Blessings Are So Many, Lord!

Your blessings are so many, Lord,
To count them one by one
Would take much longer than a day
That has just now begun!

You fill each day with miracles
From dawn to setting sun.
Each night You hear a million prayers
When day's work is done.

You keep this old world spinning
As seasons come and go,
And each one is a masterpiece
That sets our hearts aglow.

You fill the earth with beauty, Lord,
With flowers, shrubs and trees,
And we marvel at Your rainbows
And butterflies and bees.

Your words still give us comfort
For Your promises are true.
Your blessings are so many, Lord,
In everything we do!

Poet, Clay Harrison

~ Submitted by Evangelism Committee



**OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
BRYANT**

**Pork Barbecue
September 17, 5-7 P.M.**

Grandparents Day



September 11

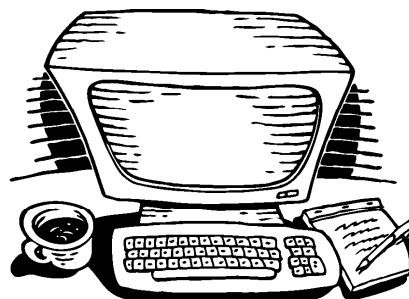
**Thank you to all grandparents
who "make a difference"
in the life of a grandchild!**

Life Before Computers!

A mouse pad was where a mouse lived.
A CD was a bank account.
A virus was the flu.
A hard drive was a long trip on the road.
Memory was something that you lost
with age.

A web was a spider's home.
A keyboard was a piano.
A cursor used profanity.
A program was a television show.
An application was for employment.

~ Submitted by TLC Member



Notes of Appreciation

Thank you to everyone who served coffee and refreshments before worship services during the summer months!!

Thank you to all the ladies who planted flowers at the church and watered them throughout the hot summer! The flower pots added a special touch!

Thank you to those who helped with worship services during pastor's absence! Your leadership makes a difference.

Thank you for all the wonderful school supplies donated for needy families! Recall the excitement as a child when you received new crayons or pencils! You can see that same excitement in the eyes of children today.



ABBY'S BIBLE CAMP REPORT

I had an awesome time at camp! This year, I attended NeSoDak Bible Camp in Waubay. I was in the smallest cabin, North Damascus, rounding up a total of 7 girls, including the counselor, when the average is 12 girls. I met so many nice girls in my cabin.

We even had an Olympic theme night, were cabin competed against cabin in various games. In the end, our cabin won most enthusiastic. I didn't want to leave. Thank you for letting me go and hopefully I can go next year!

~ Abby Antonen

KIRBY'S BIBLE CAMP REPORT

I was lucky enough to be able to go to NeSoDak Bible Camp July 17-July 22. Some things we learned about were that God watches over us, God follows us, and God goes with us. We played a lot of fun games. We sang a lot of songs (they get stuck in your head). The food was AWESOME!! Thank you for helping me to go to camp. I had so much fun and I hope that I can go back next year!!!!

~ Kirby Antonen

BIBLE CAMP REPORT FROM CHANCE

Well, camp was awesome! We got great food, fun games and cool counselors. I had a wonderful time and hope to go again next year. Thank you so much for letting me go.

~ Chance Niemann

IN OUR PRAYERS DURING SEPTEMBER


Let us in the quiet moments of the morning, the middle of the day, or the night time hours, stop to pray for one another. People remembered during the month of September include the following:

Sept. 4: Alfred Andrews; Raquel (Jager) Gorder; Sheldon & Darla Koisti; Roberta Pedersen

Sept. 11: Daniel Andrews; George Grape; Dan, Christi & Jessica Koistinen, William, Rocita, & Jennifer (Foster children in their care); Terry Pedersen

Sept. 18: Elwood & Gayle Andrews; Lila Grape; Mary Pekas; Seth Swanson

Sept. 25: Frank & Janet Andrews; Marcey (Jager) Hagedorn; Doug Koistinen; Don & Sharon Thue

 **NOTICE:** Because several children will be gone on Sept. 11, the date of Rally Day has been changed to **Sept. 18**. Following worship, pizza will be served for everyone, and the Sunday School will go bowling. See article on Sunday School elsewhere in this newsletter.



Food
Pantry
Needs

Please Note: The Food Pantry is at an all-time *low*, and your help is needed so much! They would appreciate receiving *any food item*; some suggestions are canned vegetables, soups, fruits, crackers, cereal, or pasta. Like the schools, they don't receive commodities in the summer which has made a difference, and also usage has been high in recent weeks. Thank you for caring and sharing with those less fortunate.

Your Family Fun Destination

LIFE LIGHT Music Festival

September 2 - 4 at Worthing, SD
(12 miles south of Sioux Falls)

For more information go to: www.LifeLight.org

Morning Motivation

When you wake up in the morning...
We should ask ourselves...
What are the secrets of success in life?
We can find the answer right there...
In the bedroom.

The fan said...be cool
The roof said...aim high
The window said...see the world
The clock said...every minute is precious
The mirror said...reflect before you act
The calendar said...be up to date
The door said...push hard for your goals
The carpet said...kneel down and pray.



Always carry a **heart**
that never hates
Always carry a **smile**
that never fades
Always carry a **touch**
that never hurts.

~ Submitted by TLC Member

WANTED: Box tops and UPC labels for schools; pop can tabs for Ronald McDonald houses. Please leave them in the narthex. Your contributions make a difference!

Check it out on the web:

www.trinityln.org

www.thenalc.org

E-Mail addresses:

Office - trinityc@itctel.com

Pastor - pastorpete@itctel.com

Confirmation Classes To Begin

Seventh, eighth and ninth graders will begin their confirmation instruction on September 28 with class held at 4:45 P.M. at Trinity.

Students from Trinity this year include Abby Antonen, Ashley and Nicholas Jensen, Jonathan Kretzschmar, Alexis Kranz, and Austin Niemann. They will join 8 from Badger. The course of study for this year will be on Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

An Orientation and Overview Session for parents and students is scheduled for September 14, 7:30 P.M. at Trinity.



Supplies needed for church include:

- ⇒ Paper towels
- ⇒ Toilet paper
- ⇒ Renuzit's Air Fresheners
- ⇒ Dawn dish soap
- ⇒ Liquid hand soap
- ⇒ The Works
- ⇒ Clorox Spray
- ⇒ Glade Spray

Thank you for your donations of supplies which help so much! Please leave them on the kitchen counter in the basement and they will be distributed where needed in the church.

ABBY PARTICIPATES IN MUSICAL

Abby Antonen attended a music camp at NeSo-Dak August 7-12. The camp concluded Friday night with the production of a musical, "Power!" Twenty-five enthusiastic youth presented the Gospel in word and song. Good job, Abby!



Ladies - Look Ahead!



October 5 - 7:30 P.M.

Meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church Women

Program: Jeanette Tuohino

Lunch: Patsy Steffensen

October 9 - Harvest Festival

Church Potluck—with pies for dessert

“Them Guys” will present the
10:45 worship service.

September and October

Ditch clean-up

Around the big U and from Hayti Corner to
Wendlings—due to water in ditches.

Bible Study

Second Wednesday of the month

November 6

Women serve Thrivent’s Annual Meeting

(Held at Trinity)

November

Angel Tree is available

December

Caroling at the Care Center

Gifts brought for residents

December

Sunday School Program and Lunch

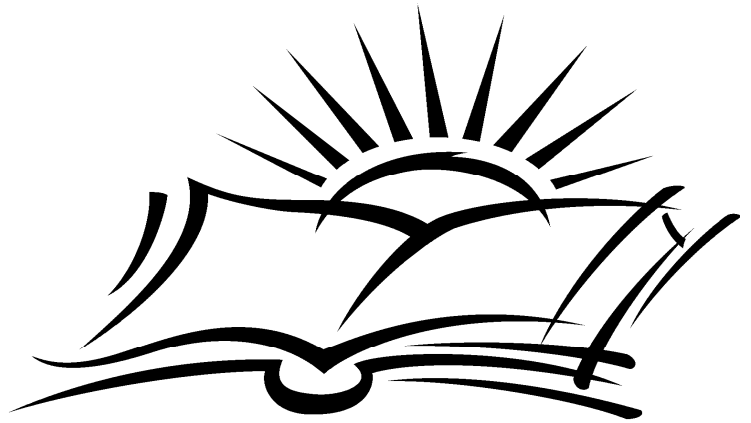
Fellowship Dinners

September and November

Executive Women’s Meeting

September 21, 2011

7:00 P.M.—Education Unit



CHURCH LIBRARY

Take time to check out what is available in the church library. You will find books for easy reading, thought-provoking books, books for the young readers, and much more!

DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL



Stop in the narthex and pick up some devotional material. A few are in large print. If you have a friend in a care center, they may enjoy a copy with the larger print.

Bits and Pieces

“The nicest place to be is in someone’s thoughts!
The safest place to be is in someone’s prayers!
And the best place to be is in God’s hands!”

“The question is not ‘Can you make a difference?’
You already do make a difference. It’s just a matter of what kind of difference you want to make during your life on this planet.”

“Patience is a virtue that carries a lot of ‘wait.’”

~ Authors Unknown

Report of the North American Lutheran Church Convocation

Note: Wayne and Marilyn Thue from New Hope Lutheran Church attended the convocation. We thank them for sharing this report with us.

The NALC Convocation of 2011 was held on August 11 and 12 at the Upper Arlington Lutheran Church in Columbus, Ohio. 810 people attended with 168 churches represented and 206 Pastors. There are 100,000 members in the NALC from 249 churches. The Convocation opened with a wonderful worship service. Then Bishop Paull Spring conducted the meetings. Our newly elected Bishop is John Bradosky of Ohio. He won by a large majority vote. The newly elected Executive Council members are James Hansen of W.Va, Carol Lattier of TX., Kay Weaver of N.C., Ryan Schwartz of D.C., Victor Langford of Wash., N. Amanda Grimmer of Pa., Rebecca Heber of Fla., and James T. Lehmann of Ill. A unanimous ballot was then cast for the Board of Adjudication whose duty is to decide disciplinary decisions and interpret the governing documents of the NALC. Several people were introduced: Director of Sola Publishing (Steven King), World Missions (Chuck Lindquest), Youth Encounter (Larry Johnson), Rev. Larry Lindstrom (LCMC). Different churches around the nation were featured in short videos.

Several Resolutions were passed:

1. The amendments to the Constitution must be presented to each church for approval and adoption. Each church will receive information and then vote at a congregational meeting such the annual meeting. A copy will be available for the congregations to review.
2. The budget for operating expenses, theological education, and the Great Commission for \$1 million dollars was adopted.
3. A guidance design for benevolence giving was that each congregation remit at least a total of 12% of its income-----5 to 8% of that going to the NALC and the rest divided between local missions or projects and world missions. Each congregation is encouraged to complete a benevolence commitment form for each year.
4. The Executive Council will develop a design for geographical subdivisions called mission districts of the NALC across the nation.
5. A statement was adopted on ecumenism which provides guidance for the NALC's relationship with other Christian churches whose teachings are compatible with its confessional beliefs and affirms the practice of welcoming all baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine to receive Holy Communion in NALC churches.
6. The NALC approved a relationship of full communion with the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus. This resolution must be ratified by each congregation and by the Ethiopians.
7. A resolution for the NALC to approve a full communion with the Evangelical Church in Uganda was passed only to refer this to the Executive Council for further study.

Also Article 4.05 from the 2010 Constitution (No person who belongs to any organization which claims to possess its teachings and ceremonies that which the Lord has given solely to His Church shall be ordained or otherwise received into the ministry of the NALC, nor shall any person so ordained be retained in its ministry if such person subsequently joins such an organization. Violation of this rule shall make such minister subject to discipline.) was discussed and added to the 2011 Constitution.

The terms of office for the officers and Executive Council members will begin immediately following the convocation at which they are elected was added to the Constitution. Information on how to fill a vacancy in any office was added. A process for removing a person from an elected office, should that become necessary, was added. An amendment was added that articulates the NALC's commitment to be a mission-driven church body.

The Evangelical Lutheran Mission Society has started 50 mission churches in parts of Africa, and their goal is to have 100 charter congregations to help them. Suggested dollar amounts are \$20 a month for an individual or \$1000 a year from a congregation. Thomas and Sandra Smith of PA. were recognized with much appreciation for their generous contribution of \$1 million dollars to the NALC. Seminarians, ordinands, and newly ordained people were introduced. A health and pension plan is now available through Hahn Financial Group, Inc. of Sioux Falls, S.D. Open enrollment is available for 120 days starting 8/1/2011.

The 2012 Convocation will be held on August 16 and 17, and the site will be announced later. Bishop Spring received recognition for his leadership with a plaque, a resolution to the first Constitution, and a standing ovation. Each congregation is encouraged to thank Bishop Spring. The Convocation closed with a service to install our new Bishop and the council members.

~ Wayne and Marilyn Thue

You Alone

Let me not ask for the "Why"
When I find myself in sorrow
And my heart cries out in pain.
Nothing changes when I know if
things look different tomorrow,
thus, my question is in vain.

You alone can still the waters
Make me climb the steepest hill.
You know all my rocks and boulders
All my pitfalls, all my screams
You will lift them off my shoulders
That my ways become Your will

Amen, Amen, Hallelujah,
Lord of Lords and King of Kings!
Let me rejoice in my sorrow—
Let my heart be full of praise—
Everything is well tomorrow
And my heart, my healed heart sings.

Lo

Be quiet heart, don't shiver cold
when seemingly the world forgets
to care or hear your cry of pain.

Be quiet heart, look at the star
That fills the sky and leads the way.

Be jubilant, my heart, and hear
the soft rush of an angels wing.
Forget your troubles, sorrows, fear.
my heart, be jubilant and sing:

God's Son is born, the Lord has come
The Savior who mends our ways!
Lift up your hands!
The One above wraps
you in a blanket of love and stays.

Therefore, my heart, sing out with joy,
be jubilant, my heart, and see:

He sets you free!

~ Winnie Lemmerman-Olsen

Note: The two poems, "You Alone" and "Lo" were written by Winnie Lemmerman-Olsen, who grew up in Germany during the war years. At an early age, she learned the power of prayer from her mother. Winnie developed a strong prayer life of her own, which gave her comfort and strength through life in a refugee camp, hunger, heart damage from malnutrition, loss of her first husband, her move to South Dakota, and her own battle with Lou Gehrig's disease. She lived in Rapid City until her recent death.

She summarizes her life by saying: "My life has meandered in many, many ways, taking detours where I have been shot at, and bombed. I have grieved and I have laughed. I was never alone. God was my fortress and my inspiration!"



**NEW EQUIPMENT
AVAILABLE!**

Check it out at:

"Healthy Aging"
Fire Hall
Monday, Wednesday
and Friday mornings
9–11 A.M.

A treadmill has been added to the other equipment available for your use at the Fire Hall 3 mornings each week.

Stop and take advantage of all the equipment at no cost to you!



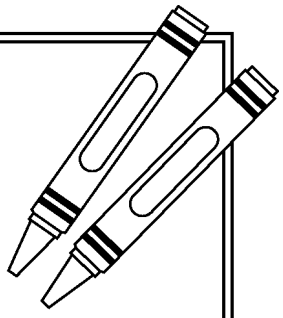


Congratulations to Brad and Crystal Steffensen on the birth of a daughter, Ava Michelle, on July 29. Ava joins her big sister, Keira, at home.



NALC Global Missionaries

Professor Jim Nestigan and his wife Carolyn will be **NALC Global Missionaries** to Ethiopia. They will leave in January and he will teach at the seminary there. Keep them in your prayers.



Just for KIDS

GOD'S INSTRUCTION

The Bible is a guide for how we should live. In Sunday school and at home, we learn how God loves and saves us. Solve this puzzle to find Proverbs 4:13 (NIV), which tells about the importance of God's Word.

First, write the word that means the opposite of the one given. Then write the correct letters on the number-coded lines below.

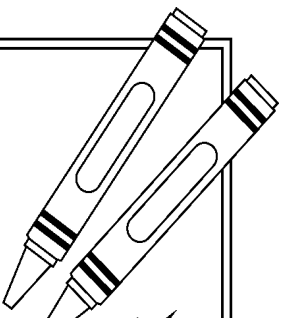
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 sweet 10 1 11 12 can't 13 14 15 no 16 8 10 later 15 1 17

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6 15 10 5 12 11 13 5 6 1 15 ' 3 1
 15 1 5 2 8 5 6 5 9 1 ' ,

9 11 14 12 3 6 5 17 8 2 2 ' 7 1 12
 6 5 6 10 16 1 11 12 2 6 7 8 . "

Answers: old, life, hot, go, sour, can, yes, now
 "Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life."
 (Proverbs 4:13, NIV)

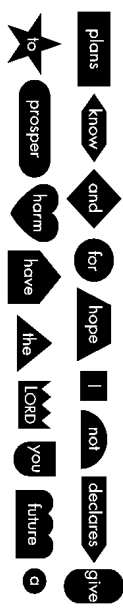


PUZZLE

GOD'S PLAN

When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.

Directions: Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.



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Answers: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
 (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Return to:
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
405 3rd AVENUE NORTH
P.O. BOX 230
LAKE NORDEN, SD 57248



FOR OUR TEACHERS

After being interviewed by the school administration, the eager teaching prospect said: "Let me see if I've got this right.....you want me to go into that room with all those kids, and fill their every waking moment with a love for learning, and I'm supposed to instill a sense of pride in their ethnicity, modify their disruptive behavior, observe them for signs of abuse and even censor their T-shirt messages and dress habits.

You want me to wage a war on drugs and sexually transmitted diseases, check their backpacks for weapons of mass destruction, and raise their self esteem.

You want me to teach them patriotism, good citizenship, sportsmanship, fair play, how to register to vote, how to balance a checkbook, and how to apply for a job.

I am to check their heads for lice, maintain a safe environment, recognize signs of anti-social behavior, and make sure all students pass the state exams, even those who don't come to school regularly or complete any of their assignments.

Plus, I am to make sure that all of the students with disabilities get an equal education regardless of the extent of their mental or physical disability. I am to communicate regularly with the parents by letter, telephone, newsletter and report card.

All of this I am to do with just a piece of chalk, a computer, a few books, a bulletin board, and a big smile. You want me to do all of this and then you tell me..... I CAN'T PRAY?"

(St. Paul Lutheran Church Newsletter, Clark, SD)